

Boosting Your Regular Listening Skills

In order to answer the questions well, it is always recommended that you shall spend time in improving the listening skills. because, when you listen to the recordings well then you will be in a state to answer the questions well. Otherwise, it will be very difficult for you to find the answers to the given questions.

Nine times out of ten, students face difficulties in finding the right answers because they do not listen to the recording well.

It's not always sufficient to make use of practice tests or mock tests to improve your listening test score. It is very essential that you shall do various listening exercises, like listening to TV-shows, radio reports, documentary programs etc.

Guessing out right

Before the beginning of the recording, the instructions will let you know what you can expect. For instance, the instructions go like this: (i) Now, you will hear a recording on a lecture by Professor Stevenson on “Discovery of a New Planet.” (ii) Now, you will hear a dialogue between a student and the lecturer. (iii) You will hear discussion on nuclear explosion by Dr. Morris etc.

You will have to be very attentive because this information will not be given in your question paper whether you take IELTS on computer or paper-based [IELTS](#). If you know who the speakers are what they are going to speak about then this will make it easy for you to find the answers.

Don't try to know everything. You can ignore words you really do not understand or know

While listening to the recordings you may come across a few words which you may not understand. Generally, students who are aware of the different accents never face such a problem but if you are the one who is not aware of different accents like Australian, American, British etc. then you might come across such a problem (Therefore, it is always suggested that you shall eliminate the problem by learning more about different types of accents).

Dealing with the extra information

You will hear a talk which may not be completely relevant to the question given. Sometimes, some extra information is also provided (mostly, 1/4th or 1/3rd position of each recording will be talking about the given questions). So, it is important that you shall be ready to catch that information which can help you get the right answer. Focus on the given question and attentively listen to the keywords which you might come across.



Not exactly the same keywords will be used

In many cases, it happens that the keywords you may find in the questions will not be there in the recording. It is advisable that you shall be ready to listen to them so that you do not miss out on anything. Sometimes, synonyms are used in order to provide the information you may need to arrive at the right answers.

IELTS Listening Question Types

What are the different forms of question can we expect in IELTS Listening?

In **IELTS Listening** Test, there will be various types of questions. You are requested to practice on all types of questions in order to perform well in the test.

Following are the different types of questions in IELTS

- Form completion (completing the given form)
- Note completion (completing the notes)
- Summary/Sentence completion
- multiple choice
- Diagram/Map labelling
- Table/Chart completion